

Minutes
King County Rural Forest Commission
September 12, 2002
Snoqualmie Tree Farm – Field Trip

Commissioners present: Gordon Bradley, Steve Ketz, Bill Kombol, Ken Konigsmark, Fred McCarty, Doug McClelland, Dave Warren

Commissioners absent: Jean Bouffard, Rudy Edwards, Matt Mattson, Andrew Schwarz

Exofficio members: Steve Boyce

Staff: Kathy Creahan, Bill Loeber, Kristi McClelland, Benj Wadsworth

Guests: Norm Voght

Doug McClelland called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. All present loaded the van and headed into the field.

Stop 1: Tree Farm overlook

Steve Ketz and Norm Voght gave an overview of the tree farm. Discussion ensued about the management, species and age diversity, silvicultural practices, and fertilization of the forest.

Ken Konigsmark commented that the pending Evergreen Forest deal will keep the tree farm in forest in perpetuity. He emphasized that the use of this land as managed forest is a far better alternative than large lot rural development.

Stop 2: Riparian area

Steve and Norm discussed the ramifications of the Forest and Fish rules on management of riparian areas. Discussion ensued about forest practices in riparian areas and the need to ensure that regulations do not lead to the conversion of small parcels.

Meeting business:

Discussion of the County Forestland Management policy was postponed until the October meeting. Benj Wadsworth distributed the op-ed piece submitted to the papers by Ron Sims and Doug Sutherland.

Next meeting

Wednesday, October 9 – Preston Community Center